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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/687,834

Applicant(s)

BOETTGER ET AL.

Examiner

Dang D Le

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-16 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 and 7-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 7-10 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hogue (3,163,369).

Regarding claim 1, Hogue shows an electric motor for a pump drive, including a stator (60) and a rotor (125) for driving a pump impeller (45), the stator being embedded in a plastic body and the plastic body forming a chamber together with the stator in which the rotor is received (Figure 1), the chamber being closed at a first shaft end (bottom, Figure 1) of the rotor and the rotor being connected at the opposite second shaft end (top, Figure 1) to the pump impeller (45); wherein a bearing seat for receiving a roller bearing (130) at the second end shaft end is integrated in an interior wall (104) of the chamber.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 7-10 and 16, it is noted that Hogue also shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turk (3,333,544) in view of Halm (3,873,861).

Regarding claim 1, Turk shows an electric motor for a pump drive, including a stator (23) and a rotor (37) for driving a pump impeller (13), the stator being embedded in a plastic body (25) and the plastic body forming a chamber together with the stator in which the rotor is received, the chamber being closed at one shaft end (right, Figure 1) of the rotor and the rotor being connected at the opposite second shaft end (left, Figure 1) to the pump impeller (13).

Turk does not show a bearing seat for receiving the roller bearing at the second end shaft end integrated in an interior wall of the chamber. Turk supports the shaft at only one end in Figures 1 and 3.

Halm supports the shaft at both ends for the purpose of improving stability.

Since Turk and Halm are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use bearings at both shaft ends as taught by Halm for the purpose discussed above.

Regarding claims 2-4, 7, 8, and 10-16, it is noted that Turk and Halm also shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention.

7. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turk in view of Halm and further in view of Berger (6,509,668).

Regarding claim 9, Turk and Halm show all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for a coil flux guide connected to the shaft stub ends at both shaft ends.

Berger shows a coil flux guide connected to the shaft stub ends at both shaft ends for the purpose of withstanding high temperatures.

Since Turk, Halm, and Berger are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use a coil flux guide connected to the shaft stub ends at both shaft ends as taught by Berger for the purpose discussed above.

8. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halm ('861) in view of Takahashi et al. (6,198,189).

Regarding claim 1, Halm shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for a pump impeller.

Takahashi et al. couples the shaft with a pump impeller (18) for the purpose of pumping fluid.

Since Halm and Takahashi et al. are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to include a pump impeller as taught by Takahashi et al. for the purpose discussed above.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

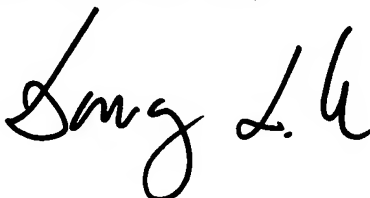
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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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